(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Gujarat has requested for inclusion of Porbandar and Karamsad. Porbandar has been included as Mission City under JNNURM. However, Government has decided to restrict the number of cities covered under JNNURM to around 60. Karamsad can avail funds through Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) under JNNURM.

Procurement of buses and extension of roads under JNNURM

†2220. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a national level scheme to procure buses for improving public transport system had been formulated under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM);

(b) if so, the outline of the scheme, and the number and value of buses, the provision for procurement of which was made under this scheme;

(c) whether extension of roads has been planned before procurement of buses for improving the public transport system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY): (a) and (b) Under the second stimulus package announced by the Government on 02.01.2009, as a one time measure upto 30.06.2009, this Ministry has launched a scheme for funding of procurement of buses meant for Urban Transport Systems under JNNURM for the mission cities.

The scheme is exclusively for urban transport *i.e.* city bus service and/or BRTS for the city/urban area for which buses are procured.

So far, 15260 buses have been sanctioned for 61 mission cities across the country at a total estimated cost of Rs. 4735.50 crore (approximately) out of which admissible Central Assistance is estimated as Rs. 2093.28 crore.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

World bank loans

2221. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank has assured India of providing a loan amounting to Rs. 25,000 Crores for urban development;

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(b) if so, the main items on which this amount would be spent;

(c) whether the State Governments have been asked to submit their plans for urban development;

(d) if so, how much out of it has been distributed among States; and

(e) whether World Bank has put a condition that the loan should be utilized towards development programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY): (a) to (e) Ministry of Urban Development has sent a proposal to Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance to seek external assistance of $ 5.3 billion from the World Bank for development of Urban Infrastructure, Urban Water and Sanitation and Urban Transport. As the proposal for World Bank assistance is in preliminary stage, the State Governments have not been asked to submit plans so far.

Complaints against CPWD officers

†2222. SHRI GANGA CHARAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on maintenance and repair of residences of Ministers and Members of Parliament in the last five years;

(b) whether complaints of corruption against officers of Central Public Works Department (CPWD) have been received by his Ministry; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government against them till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Metro Rail at Kochi

2223. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposal for Metro Rail in Kochi is under consideration;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY): (a) Yes, Sir. The proposal for Metro Rail in Kochi covering a total length of 25.3 kms (fully elevated) from Alwaye to Petta at an estimated cost of Rs. 2991.5 crore has been received by the Central Government.

(b) and (c) The proposal have not yet been approved by the Government of India.

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